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SUBJECT:WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN, AUGUST 11, 1978

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - ALAN D. ROMBERG

1. THE INTER-AGENCY GROUP DEALING WITH "THE FUKUDA INITIA-
TIVE" ON ENERGY R&D MET THIS MORNING AT NSC TO REVIEW THE
LATEST DRAFT US POSITION PAPER. STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
BY THE GROUP IS THE QUESTION OF THE MAKE-UP OF THE US
DELEGATION TO A LATE-AUGUST MEETING IN TOKYO OF TECHNICAL
EXPERTS AS WELL AS WHO WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION. WE HAVE
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EXPRESSED THE PREFERENCE THAT IT BE HEADED BY A STATE DE-
PARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE, A VIEW THAT HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY
NASA. SOME OTHERS FEEL THAT A DOE OFFICIAL SHOULD BE HEAD
OF DELEGATION IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE MEETING WILL
PROBABLY FOCUS ON ENERGY COOPERATION. THERE ALSO REMAINS
A QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION, I.E., WHETHER
IT SHOULD BE AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. (TOM PICKERING IS QUITE INTEREST-ED.) WE WILL TRY TO RESOLVE THIS AND OTHER ISSUES (E.G. INCLUSION OF NON -ENERGY PROJECTS) DURING THE COURSE OF THE COMING WEEK.

2. D.C. YOUTH ORCHESTRA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT REALLY OUR AFFAIR, WE HAVE WORKED HARD OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS TO TRY TO STIMULATE SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS BY THE D.C. YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO SOLICIT FUNDS TO PAY EXPENSES FOR ITS PLANNED CONCERT TOUR IN JAPAN. THE TOUR IS ALL LAID ON WITH TICKETS SOLD OUT, BUT THE ORCHESTRA FINDS ITSELF ABOUT \$25,000 SHORT OF THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE TRIP. IF THE ORCHESTRA FINALLY CANCELS ITS JAPAN TOUR, ALTHOUGH IT IS A STRICTLY PRIVATE VENTURE, IT COULD LEAD TO RECRIMINATIONS FROM THE PANESE SPONSORS AND THUS A PUBLIC RELATIONS DEBACLE.

3. TESTIMONY ON PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

I PLAN TO ACCOMPANY ROGER SULLIVAN WHEN HE TESTIFIES ON YOUR BEHALF FRIDAY BEFORE THE GLENN SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE US AND JAPAN. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ROY WERNER OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF ON QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE ASKED. WE EXPECT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATMOSPHERE TO BE FRIENDLY AND DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY REALLY DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.

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